

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Firstly, the Examiner had questioned the reference to fuel cell in claims 1 and 27. These claims have now been amended, as requested, to refer to a method being applied to a process gas stream to a fuel cell. Accordingly, it is submitted that this amendment to claims 1 and 27 clearly deals with the Examiner's concern in this respect.

With respect to claims 21-26 and the previously submitted claim 30, dependent on claim 21, applicants agree that these claims presently stand as non-elected. The additional claim 30 does not change the status of claims 21-26. Applicants are merely arguing that, in accordance with MPEP 809.04, for example, applicants are entitled to retain non-elected claims in the application, and on this basis submitted the new claim 30. Applicants maintain that it is possible to find an allowable generic claim, which will permit the retention of these claims 21-26 and claim 30 in the application, but recognize that, if no such claim is found, then these claims will need to be cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

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